VICTORY FLASHES

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from **MUHLENBERG**

Dear Mules:

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It's going to be hard to keep this letter within reasonable limitations of space, because I get all steamed up over this football machine of ours which is currently representing Muhlenberg on the gridiron. They are one of the finest aggregations of pointmakers that have ever carried a pigskin through enemy territory and to say that they have the entire Lehigh Valley as well as all Muhlenberg men everywhere plus a whole lot of other people talking, is a rank understatement. But let's get down to cases.

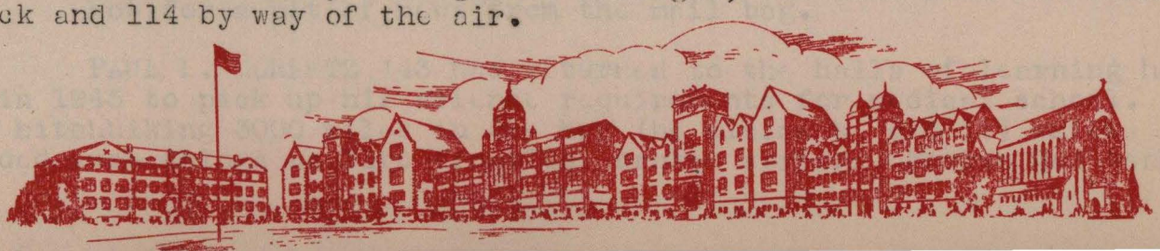
Fresh from what many people thought was a startling victory over the Leopards of Lafayette, Coach Floyd "Ben" Schwartzwalder's boys took the field against a determined Albright aggregation who came over from Reading with one thing in mind - to beat Muhlenberg. Albright brought over three teams and a powerful cheering section, but the Lion went home with his tail, like the leopard, dragging between his legs. With Eddie Sikorski and "Big Garge" Bibighaus as co-captains, the Mules went right to work. They scored a commanding lead of 33-0 at half time. With most of the first team in the showers as early as the third period, the reserves continued to outplay the Lions completely and added another touchdown of their own during the second half. Six thousand shirtsleeved spectators saw the game and were unanimous in their opinion that this year's outfit is one of the finest ever produced in the forty three years of Muhlenberg football history.

Statistics, however, really tell the story. Muhlenberg had 19 first downs to 3 for Albright, their first down coming in the middle of the third period as the result of a pass. In fact they did not gain a single first down through the Muhlenberg line all during the game. The Mules gained 466 yards from scrimmage to 71 for the Reading boys. Never once was Albright inside of our 25-yard stripe. Running from the single wing, we passed and ran the lines ragged with Ed Sikorski, Bob Haldeman, both of pre-war fame, Jack Crider, Bill Bell, Rog Tolosky, Harold Roveda, Harry Mackin and Moris Quint turning in especially brilliant performances.

Albright had prepared pass defense all week, for the Lions knew that we had completed 11 out of 16 passes against Lafayette, three of them for touchdowns. However, it was of little avail to the Albright team for we threw 15 passes, completed five for a gain of 114 yards. The best that our opponents could do in the pass department was 2 out of 6 for 26 yards. Three of our touchdowns came directly as the result of passes.

Floodlights have now been installed on the practice field and practice now starts at 5:30 and continues until 7:30 each night. This change has been made necessary due to classes which meet until 5:30 every afternoon.

This Mule team established an all-time record when they gained a total of 580 yards against Albright, 466 made from the running attack and 114 by way of the air.



For the first time in thirty years, Muhlenberg defeated Bucknell 6-0. The Bisons had met Penn State and Cornell on succeeding Saturdays and had tasted defeat on both occasions. Accordingly, they were quite anxious to break into the win column, but the Mules had different ideas. This defeat by Muhlenberg marked the first time in the history of football at Bucknell when one of their teams lost three games in a row.

Statistics again tell the story. The Mules rolled up 11 first downs while depriving the Bisons of a single marker in this department. Bucknell never penetrated further than the 'Berg 47 yard line and they only got that far as the result of a poor kick. We gained 171 yards from scrimmage to 29 for the Lewisburg contingent. Our average length of punts slipped a bit, 31.2 yds in this game as compared with 34.7 in the Albright game, but this game was played on a soggy field amid a lot of rain. It had rained up to five minutes before game time and poured during the entire second half so that our fast backs were hampered considerably. Rain was what Bucknell had prayed for, but even the elements did not help the Bisons.

The fact that in the second half of the Lafayette game, the Albright game and the Bucknell game, only three first downs have been scored by our opponents, and only one of those came as a result of a running play, speaks well for the forward wall of this year's team. Much of the credit must go to Coach Frank "Moss" Hough who not only knows football but does a grand job teaching the boys the fine points of the game.

Mike Bogdziewicz, who has been converted from a tackle to a blocking back, scored the winning touchdown by taking a pass from Bell and, on a beautiful twenty yard run, evaded several Bucknell tacklers and crossed the line with the only marker of the day. "Lizzy" Dean's excellent punting kept the Bisons deep in their own territory throughout the entire game, and Sbordone played the best game of his college career, although, at times, it was hard to tell which was mud and which was Sbordone.

Swarthmore defeated F. & M. on Saturday 7-6 and the Mules are getting set for both these teams. Watch the papers for more scores.

Soccer season opened last week when the booters from 'Berg lost their first home game to a more experienced Princeton club, 2-0. The Mules had defeated Lehigh previously and the fact that they held the Princeton team to but two scores proves that, with more experience, they will be a tough combination to beat. They are scheduled to meet East Stroudsburg State Teachers College as this is being written.

Although basketball practice hasn't started officially, a number of the court aspirants are working out daily down at the Jewish Community Center in preparation for the coming season. Chuck Thiesen, a member of the 1944 squad, Jake Barnheimer, a member of the Newport Naval Air Station's crack team, Ray Lewis, former West Hazleton High player, Al Jessen, former Port Jefferson, L.I. high school star, and Marvin Jaffee, who broke the individual scholastic scoring record while playing for Stuyvesant High in New York City last year, are but a number of men working out in preparation for the season which will open early in December. We'll be able to tell you more about basketball in a couple of weeks.

The Jayvee squad met and defeated the Lehigh Jayvees on Muhlenberg field 19-13. Ernie Bellows, assisted by Blair Krimmel, has fifty members on his squad and they will meet the strong University of Delaware Jayvees this week.

Our gallant craft, the S.S. Muhlenberg Victory, was a victim of the maritime strike recently when she was tied up in Savannah, Georgia. Along with 13 other vessels, the converted cattle ship, whose duties involve carrying cattle to Europe for UNRRA was idle while the maritime heads tried to compromise their differences with the ship owners.

Now for a bit of news from the mail bag.

PAUL L. MORLNTZ '43 has returned to the halls of learning he left in 1943 to pick up his science requirements for medical school. After hitchhiking 3000 miles in one hop (he claims he did it) which included such things as tire troubles, broken springs, broken gas tank,

broken universal joint, burning emergency brakes, and other interesting phenomena, Paul plans to enter the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University next fall and eventually become a psychiatrist.

GEORGE L. BERGHORN '42 is located at Oak Park, Illinois and has a daughter of which he is very proud.

DR. NORTON L. BERNEY '36 was separated from the service the 2nd of this month and is back in Reinerton,Pa., busy trying to find a place to practice.

DR. CLYDE H. KELCHNER '25, who is about to end four years of service in the Army Medical Corps, has been named acting chief of the medical department of the Allentown Hospital. He replaces Dr. Lloyd A. Stahl, acting chief since the death of Dr. W. Frederick Herbst, who has asked to be relieved so that he might do post graduate work.

SPURGEON H. LUNBAR '48 was recently feted at a dinner upon his return to the states. He enlisted in the AAF while a student at Muhlenberg and served at Villacoublay and Orlay Fields near Paris, for eleven months. He was with the 808th Air Engineering Squadron.

ROBERT h. HILL II,V-4(no relation to Kitty) is now stationed at Camp Catlin, Oahu, T.H. where he is Camp and Battalion Maintenance Officer, Camp Police Officer and Water Conservation Officer.

MAJOR RICHARD N. THOMPSON '41 is planning to do advanced work in the Technische Hochschule, Berlin, which is now on a university level.

RICHARD S. BRADLEY '46, one of the members of the last V-5 contingent, has been accepted at Syracuse University.

LIEUTENANT BERT LEVINSTONE '42 will work in civies and off duty, his choice of clothing is optional. All this came about with the desire of Mr. Omar Bradley to rid the Veterans Administration hospitals of all rank and military air. Bert plans to get back to see the Mules in action in one of their games this fall.

I've tried to bring you up to date on things around school, but time is growing short and I'll have to sign off until another time. Remember, HOMECOMING DAY IS OCTOBER 26th and if you are anywhere in this vicinity, come in and see the game. Your uniform is your admission ticket and we'll be very happy to have you BACK HOME.

It is always good to hear from you, so drop me a line when you have a spare moment.

As ever,

John H. Wagner
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